

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Supplemental to the Amendment filed November 6, 2006, the claims have been amended in a manner believed by the undersigned to have been indicated by the Examiner to place the application in condition for allowance. The claims have been amended without prejudice.

A Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

The Examiner has previously requested for further copies of the previously-forwarded documents cited in the international phase. The documents are believed to be contained however in the Image File Wrapper in the Patent Office under the date June 30, 2005. Nothing further therefore is believed to be required in this regard. Return of an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 Form listing the documents is requested.

The Patent Office has confirmed receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in the Notice mailed November 7, 2005. The Bibliographic Data Sheet (i.e., "Bib Data Sheet") indexed on June 30, 2005 in the PTO IFW does not include an acknowledgement by the Examiner of the applicants claim for foreign priority or receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. The Examiner is requested to update the Patent Office Bib Data Sheet in this regard and confirm the same in the Examiner's next Action.

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